

Tuolumne County LEA Grant

Project Description: Citizens Acting Responsibly for the Environment (C.A.R.E.) for Tuolumne is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers dedicated to developing pride in its citizens through involvement in the community. The Tuolumne County Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) works closely with the group in organizing cleanup events and educational programs. Since 1994 C.A.R.E. for Tuolumne has cleaned up a total of 16 sites using over 2,200 hours of volunteer labor and donated equipment, fuel, and tipping fees. To date the cleanups have resulted in the removal and recycling of approximately 49 abandoned vehicles, 15 tons of tires, and 48 tons of scrap iron and appliances. The organization has also been responsible for the collection and proper disposal of over 101 tons of solid waste. A summary of completed projects is included in Table 1.

This project proposes using grant monies over a two-year period to continue to remediate sites throughout Tuolumne County using volunteer labor from C.A.R.E. for Tuolumne. Although the LEA proposes to remediate sites on an ongoing basis, depending on identification, need, and volunteer availability, a list of proposed sites along with preliminary cost estimates for 1998 is included in Table 2. Grant money will be used to pay disposal costs, rent necessary equipment, and purchase fuel for equipment. A portion of the grant money will also pay for any necessary access restrictions, signage, LEA oversight, and community education in an effort to eliminate continued illegal dumping. In addition, Tuolumne County has agreed to waive the county portion of the franchise fee (\$27.35 per ton) to reduce disposal costs and maximize the use of available funds.

Location: Various sites located throughout the county.

Ownership: Multiple.

Cost Recovery: Because of the difficulty in identifying responsible parties and the relatively small costs, recovery of expended funds is unlikely and cost-prohibitive and, therefore, not proposed.

Preliminary Estimate for Cleanup: \$20,000

Enforcement Actions: Chestnut St. Tuolumne property owner and tenant next to alley have been cited with misdemeanor violation and currently has court action pending with warrants being issued for violators. Other sites currently have no enforcement orders. The location of the sites and the nature of the illegal dumping make it difficult to identify parties responsible for the dumping. A solid waste ordinance adopted on February 26, 1998, along with volunteer cleanups and good public education will help deter further illegal dumping.

CEQA: This ministerial activity is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

Other Staff Comments and Recommendations: Board staff recommend approving this grant.

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TABLE 1
C.A.R.E. for Tuolumne Summary of Projects

Site	Project Date	Cars ¹	Tires (lbs.) ¹	Scrap Iron & Appliances (lbs.) ¹	Trash (lbs.) ²	Number of Volunteers	Labor (hrs.) ³	Equipment (hrs.) ³
Big Hill (Columbia College to Bellview School)	4/94 to 6/94	15	5,000	15,000	50,000	65	500	125
Yankee Hill (Beer Can Corner)	2/95	4	1,500	0	30,000	38	165	85
Buchanan Mine Road (Tuolumne City)	9/95	3	2,000	0	20,000	30	180	35
Wards Ferry Canyon	4/96 to 5/96	15	5,000	8,000	22,000	75	500	150
Telegraph Hill (Columbia)	5/96	6	400	3,500	5,000	28	120	35
Big Hill (Columbia College to Bellview School)	11/96	1	200	0	5,000	6	45	12
Merral Road (Groveland)	11/96	1	15,000	4,480	42,000	25	150	25
Big Hill (Metal Recycle Site)	11/96 to 2/97	4	140	65,000	2,000	10	120	75
Big Hill Road (Video Dump)	2/97	0	0	0	1,000	4	8	0
Beer Can Corner	4/97	0	0	0	5,000	20	160	16
Shawmut Road	4/97	0	0	0	1,000	4	16	0
Big Hill Road II	4/97	0	0	0	2,000	10 to 20	160	8
Big Hill Road III	4/97	0	0	0	2,000	2	16	0
Tuolumne City - Chestnut Street	8/97	0	0	0	4,000	3	40	0
Cabazet Road	9/97	0	0	0	1,500	2	8	0
Big Oak Flat	12/97	0	0	0	10,000	10	40	0
Total		49	29,240	95,980	202,500		2,228	566

¹ Recycled material.

² Landfilled (disposal costs paid for from donations).

³ Donated along with disposal costs.

TABLE 2
C.A.R.E. for Tuolumne Proposed Projects for 1998

Site	Est. Vol. (cu. yd.)	Est. Weight (lbs.)	Disposal Costs	LEA Oversight (hrs.)	LEA Costs ¹
Green Springs Road	3	1,200	\$248.40	1	\$37.50
Chestnut Street (Tuolumne City)	20	10,000	\$611.00	2	\$75.00
Laurel Street (Tuolumne City)	20	10,000	\$611.00	2	\$75.00
Mount Elizabeth Road	20	10,000	\$611.00	1	\$37.50
Big Oak Flat		30,000	\$1,563.75	4	\$150.00
Elizabeth Lane	2	5,000	\$248.40	2	\$75.00
Total		66,200	\$3,893.55	12	\$450.00

¹ LEA hourly rate for field oversight.

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